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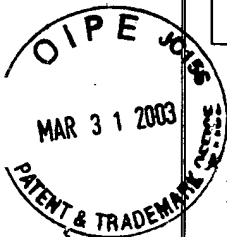
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In re application of:

Inventor(s): JAMES D. MARKS, MARIE ALIX POUL, and BALTAZAR BECERRIL

Examiner: P.Ponnaluri

Application No.: **09/249,529**

Art Unit: 1627

Filed: **02/12/1999**

For: **METHODS OF SELECTING FOR INTERNALIZING ANTIBODIES**

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for three months;

Amendments herein are made in accordance with the revised amendment format put forth by the USPTO in the Notice entitled: Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted (see USPTO website).